



# WARRIOR VILLAGE PROJECT®

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## PROGRESS REPORT

We appreciate the tremendous support of our Sponsors, the 67 companies who have helped us *provide affordable, permanent housing for homeless veterans while training the next generation of home builders*. Chris Geldert's [San Marcos High School](#) students are making plaques to thank them.

Our very first Sponsor was [The Grainger Foundation](#) with the support of Carlos Ramirez, then Manager of [Grainger's San Marcos Branch](#). Carlos has relocated with Grainger to McAllen Texas where he proudly displays his plaque in his new Grainger Branch Network office.

Chris recently presented a beautiful plaque to Jon Hill and Alan Jurgensen, Instructors in the Associated General Contractors (AGC) Apprenticeship Training Program. Jon and Alan come to SMHS every week to supervise our students while they build our second Warrior Village Project cottage. AGC also provided materials and supervision for the construction of the foundation for our Wounded Warrior Homes Accessory Dwelling Unit.

**Chris's students have a lot more plaques to make!**



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### FUTURE EVENTS

**Our Students Are Back and Building Again!**

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## VIP PROFILE

### Our American Veterans

**Veterans Day** (originally known as **Armistice Day**) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11 to honor military veterans of the [United States Armed Forces](#) (who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable). Veterans Day coincides with other holidays, including [Armistice Day](#) and [Remembrance Day](#), which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day is distinct from [Memorial Day](#), a U.S. public holiday in May. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who had *died* while in military service. Another military holiday that also occurs in May, [Armed Forces Day](#), honors those *currently serving* in the U.S. military. Additionally, [Women Veterans Day](#) is recognized by a growing number of U.S. states that specifically honor women who have served in the U.S. military.

The [Veterans Association of North County](#) invites the community to attend its **Annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, November 11 to honor the men and women who have served our country so bravely.** The keynote speaker will be Lt. Gen George W. Smith Jr, Commanding General I Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF), Camp Pendleton. Lunch will immediately follow the ceremony.

### The Veterans Association of North County Annual Veterans Day Ceremony

**Please RSVP to ensure that VANC has a seat for you. Thank you!**

**DATE:** Friday, Nov 11, 2022  
**TIME:** 10:00 am – 11:30 am  
**LOCATION:** 1617 Mission Ave., Oceanside, CA 92058  
**Registration Information:** [Info@vanc.me](mailto:Info@vanc.me)



**VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH COUNTY**

## SCHOOLS

### San Marcos High School

Chris Geldert's 1st Period Class at San Marcos High School is a beehive of activity on Wednesday mornings. He has thirty students in the Class. While most of his students are in the workshop working on individual projects, others are working outside building our second Warrior Village Project cottage and finishing the garden shed for the Agriculture Program that was framed by students in the Class of 2022.



The entire class comes together for hands-on instruction in the use of power woodworking tools. Chris teaches his students how to safely operate all of the tools and the techniques required to achieve the desired results. On this day, Chris demonstrated how to use the boring machine (horizontal drill press) and a router.

One of the advantages of building our cottage on campus is that our construction students have access to an incredible array of power tools a few steps away in their workshop. Tasks that would normally be done on a construction site with hand tools can be completed in a factory-like environment with more sophisticated tools.



## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

### San Marcos High School

When we started building our first two cottages at [San Marcos High School \(SMHS\)](#) our intent was to do most of the construction work on campus. But, Covid came to town and our best laid plans were put to rest when we lost our student workforce. We transported our first house to a [Wounded Warrior Homes](#) residence in Vista when it was far from complete. We were able to complete the cottage on site in Vista with the help of volunteers, including professional contractors.

With a new cohort of construction students on campus, we are hoping to do much more of the construction of our second house at SMHS as we had originally planned. This month our students started preparing for the installation of the [Hardie® Plank Lap Siding](#) donated by [Weyerhaeuser](#).



But first, a team of students installed the last piece of fascia board. Two students worked from the scaffolding to take measurements for the fascia, while two other students marked and cut the fascia board. Another pair of students passed the piece up to their co-workers who nailed it in place.



Our crew started wrapping the house with house wrap material provided by [Weyerhaeuser](#). The 9' wide roll of house wrap was a perfect fit for our cottage.

After cutting around the windows and stapling the house wrap to the exterior sheathing the crew started marking the house wrap using a blue chalk snap line. They marked vertical lines indicating the location of the studs where they would nail the siding in place. They also snapped a horizontal line across the bottom of the wall to guide the installation of the siding pieces.

The bottom course of siding will be installed after the cottage has been set on its foundation to avoid damage during transit to the installation site.



## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

### San Marcos High School (continued)

Students confirmed the locations of the studs and snapped blue chalk lines.



Using the James Hardie fiber cement trim boards donated by [Weyerhaeuser](#), our students fabricated corner pieces for each corner of the house. The siding on each side of the house will 'die into' or 'butt up to' the corner pieces.



Our students are learning how to safely use a pneumatic nail gun under the watchful eye of AGC Apprenticeship Instructor Alan Jurgensen and teacher Chris Geldert.



## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

### San Marcos High School (continued)

After confirming that the guide strip was positioned correctly on the chalk line and level, students started nailing the a course of siding to the house, checking and confirming that it was also level. Subsequent courses of siding will be installed up the side of the house with staggered butt joints.



While one team of students was installing siding, another team was in the workshop building wood window frames. They used a pocket-hole machine in the workshop to drill holes for screws in the back of the 4 frame pieces. After assembling the frames and positioning them around the windows, they took measurements to make sure that they hit studs when they attached them to the house with screws.



The first course of siding takes awhile to position correctly. But, after the first course is in place, the subsequent courses go up pretty quickly. The team uses clamp-on siding gauges to ensure that each course of siding overlaps the previous course by a consistent amount.



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## PARTNERS

### The San Marcos Promise

[The San Marcos Promise](#) (TSMP) is our fiscal sponsor for the Warrior Village Project at San Marcos High School. TSMP provides accounting services for donations made to the Warrior Village Project and provides assurance that the funds are used appropriately under the direction of Executive Director Lisa Stout and her Board of Directors. We profiled [Lisa](#) and the San Marcos Promise in our [December 2019 Newsletter](#). One of the goals of the TSMP is to help students create thoughtful, well-developed plans for their futures. This includes plans to attend a traditional college, earn professional certificates, or enter apprenticeships or other viable training programs.

Lisa says that “students need direct interaction with professionals to gain career awareness, exploration, and development which will allow them to be successful in their futures.” For this reason, TSMP established [Future Centers](#) at each high school in the San Marcos Unified School District. The Future Centers provide a focal point at each high school where students and their families have immediate access to post-high school preparation and planning resources. Their services are building confidence, opening doors, and helping students achieve self-sufficient futures. The goal is to help students choose, with intention, a path towards meaningful post-secondary training, education, and career opportunities.

Every student deserves to dream big about their future, but how do they dream big if they don't know what exists? In an effort to provide students exposure to the myriad of opportunities within today's workforce, the San Marcos Promise holds [Annual Future Fairs](#). This amazing event draws 1000+ students and families each year! This year their Future Fair features a large in-person Exhibit Hall at San Marcos High School. All students and their families, Grades 6 - 12, are welcome

### The San Marcos Promise Future Fair

**DATE:** Thursday, November 3  
**TIME:** 5 - 8 pm  
**LOCATION:** San Marcos High School  
1615 W. San Marcos Blvd  
San Marcos, CA, 92078

TSMP is looking for representatives from the building and construction industry to participate. Help us provide exposure, inspiration and direction for the students in San Marcos by registering to join the Future Fair. For more information, go to [The San Marcos Promise Future Fair Signup Page](#). If you have questions, contact [Sara Montooth](#), Program Coordinator, The San Marcos Promise.



**PARTNERS**

**The San Marcos Promise (continued)**

# ENVISION

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**NOVEMBER 3, 2022 // 5PM - 8PM**

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# SPONSORS



## DONATE TO THE WARRIOR VILLAGE PROJECT

We can provide truly affordable, permanent housing. But, we can't do it for free. To succeed, we need financial support. The materials required to build our cottages cost about \$60,000 per cottage (June 2022 estimate). It will cost about \$10,000 to transport a cottage to its installation site. The cost of installing a cottage as an Accessory Dwelling Unit will depend on the site. But, it should cost about \$30,000 per cottage. Hence, we can provide permanent housing for a veteran for about \$100,000 per unit (\$250/sq ft). This is a bargain compared to the cost of government supported 'affordable' housing projects. According to the [Turner Center for Housing Innovation](#) at UC Berkeley, in 2019 it cost an average of \$480,000 (\$700/sq ft) to build one unit of affordable housing in California under the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program.

**Donors who wish to donate for the construction of our cottages at San Marcos High School can make a contribution through our fiscal sponsor, [The San Marcos Promise \(https://thesanmarcospromise.org/donate/#ways-to-donate\)](https://thesanmarcospromise.org/donate/#ways-to-donate), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.**

- **Online Donations:** When you donate online, please '*Leave A Comment*' indicating that your donation is for the [Warrior Village Project](#).
- **Donations by Check:** Mail your check, made payable to [The San Marcos Promise](#), to:

**The San Marcos Promise  
255 Pico Avenue, Suite 103  
San Marcos, CA 92069**

**Please write on the Check's Memo Line that your donation is for the [Warrior Village Project](#).**

*Please help us to provide affordable, permanent housing for homeless veterans while training the next generation of homebuilders.*

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